

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT
PLANNING, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, AND TRACK INSPECTION
January 12, 2005 to March 23, 2006

PLANNERS/DEVELOPMENT
SPECIALISTS

Lou Jannazo
Don Damron
Bev Lee

TRACK INSPECTOR

Dave Reid Retired As of 12/31/04

TRACK INSPECTION

- Preliminary inspection of Royal Pad spur for potential spur project.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Helped prepare agendas and briefing packets for March 30, 2006 meeting.
- Helped work on potential long term lease document for Panhandle line.
- Developed grant agreements for projects approved at January meeting.

TRAINING

- Lou and Bev attended Microsoft Word training.
- Don attended Power Point training.

FREIGHT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

New Project Development/Continued Project Development

- Continued work and investigations into various ongoing spur project proposals including Aurora Plastics in Streetsboro, Royal Pad in Lancaster, Socar in Continental, Bilco in Zanesville, Argo Tech in Euclid, Spar Tech in Greenville, Garrick Industries in South Charleston, and others.
- Continued helping Matt with project to move CSX Columbus intermodal facility from Buckeye Yard to Parsons Yard.
- Pursuing new project investigations for various transload projects including coal transloads in Oak Hill, East Liverpool, and Warrenton as well as a cement transload in Fairborn, a rail, truck, river facility in Portsmouth other transload projects.
- Developed various spur projects such as Dupont in Circleville, Aurora Plastics and Jacobs/A.Schulman near Toledo to ORDC commitment stage/presentation to Commission stage.
- Developed W&LE Benwood Bridge project for presentation to Commission.

PASSENGER PLANNING

Ohio Hub

- Developed application to Congress (for Congressman Steve LaTourette) to ask for money for the pursuit of environmental studies to further the Ohio Hub efforts.
- Continued work and coordination with other states and railroads on Ohio Hub Study.
- Continued progressing the feasibility study for the Chicago - Ft. Wayne - Lima -

Columbus - Pittsburgh High Speed Rail corridor. ODOT is paying for study with federal planning funds. Conducted field review of Richmond to Greenville, Indiana segment.

- Continued coordination, public meetings and presentations, and guidance of the Ohio Hub Economic Impacts study .

Other Passenger Initiatives

- Helped ODOT develop a State of Ohio Passenger Rail Policy for use by Director Proctor in his duties on the AASHTO Intercity Rail Passenger Advisory Committee.
- Continued coordination with the MWRRI study effort.
- Attended meetings or otherwise kept abreast of passenger issues in across Ohio and nationally through participation in the States for Passenger Rail.
- Continued providing the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad technical support and advice to help get excursion trains to downtown Cleveland.
- Working with Buckeye Central Scenic Railroad for planning a possible move of its Jacksontown

OTHER PLANNING INITIATIVES

- Working with National Cooperative Highway Research Program (part of Transportation Research Board) on a panel conducting a study of best practices to preserve rail infrastructure for the future.
- Working with Standing Committee of Railroad Transportation (SCORT) on two national initiatives, an update of the "Rail Freight Bottom Line" report and a new "Freight Bottom Line" report which will be a synthesis of the various freight modal issues into one bottom line.
- Developed detailed list of various new technologies (auxiliary power units, stop/start devices, new diesel, and new hybrid locomotives) which could be employed to reduce locomotive emissions. Ohio Railroad Association interested in pursuing various funding now being offered to truckers for reducing locomotive emissions.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Assisted the OMEGA regional planning organization to investigate funding sources for the completion of a bridge repair project (West St) in East Palestine. ORDC Safety money for the overpass of the NS Philadelphia to Cleveland mainline may be warranted.
- Continued assisting Van Wert County Port Authority and RJ Corman Railroad (RJC) with possible project to abandon 10 miles of the Port Authority's line (which is operated by the RJC) from Elgin to Glenmore and reusing the rail on RJC Minster to St. Marys Branch.
- Worked with NS, Indiana & Ohio, and Keynes Brothers on trackage rights issue to help Keynes Brothers Logan facility obtain better rail service.
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SAFETY

- Wrote grant agreement to provide Operation Lifesaver with a grant to rent a booth at Ohio State Fair.

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